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*To the Citizens of the Town of Norwell:*

Your town officers respectfully submit their fifty-first annual report, as follows :

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REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

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HORACE T. FOGG, TREASURER,

*in account with* TOWN OF NORWELL.

DR.

To cash on hand Jan. 15, 1900	\$1,923 75
Dog tax 1899, refunded	311 91
Income Massachusetts school fund	394 38

REFUNDED BY COMMONWEALTH :

Corporation tax	1,795 73
National bank tax	721 81
Education of children, Acts of 1898 Chap. 100	146 00
Superintendent of schools	416 66
Military aid	12 00
State aid	1,788 00
Burial of indigent soldiers	35 00

Street Railway tax	\$138 71
Support of State paupers	51 00
Inspectors of animals	15 51

## REFUNDED BY TOWNS :

Town of Duxbury, aid	132 30
Town of Cohasset, aid	174 00
Town of Marshfield, aid	22 50
Town of Whitman, aid	74 00
Town of Rockland, tuition	60 00
Town of Fairhaven, aid	42 48
Town of Hingham, aid	61 08
Town of Marshfield, Union Bridge	24 31

## PERSONAL AID REFUNDED :

South Scituate Savings Bank notes, anticipation of taxes	7,700 00
South Scituate Savings Bank note, Union Bridge	1,000 00
Sale of lots in cemetery	50 00
Fish rights	2 50
Second District Court, fines	59 20
Charles E. Bates, interest on mortgage	18 00
J. Byron Holmes, license	6 00
Harry S. Merritt, “	2 00
John B. Benson, “	2 00
Corthell Brothers, “	1 00
Board of W. E. B. Thomas	156 00
Sale of produce at Almshouse	80 08
Nathan Cushing, rebuilding section Main street	344 56
Interest on temporary deposit	13 80
Excise tax	57 13
Assessment of 1900	13,277 12

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\$31,149 02



## CR.

By cash paid on Selectmen's and School Com-	
mittee's orders	\$18,946 56
Post 112, G. A. R., per order of town	100 00
Alpheus Thomas, Moderator, per vote of town	. 5 00
Police officers and constables, Second District Court	65 34
South Scituate Savings Bank, anticipation notes	7,700 00
Interest on above notes	200 42
Betsey B. Tolman note	300 00
Interest on above note	12 50
South Scituate Savings Bank, interest on per-	
manent loan	407 50
Interest on Coffin poor fund note	80 00
Interest on A. T. Otis poor fund note	52 00
State tax	570 00
County tax	1,276 41
Cash on hand to balance	1,433 29
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	\$31,149 02

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE T. FOGG,

*Treasurer.*

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

EDWIN A. TURNER, *in account with the* TOWN OF NORWELL.

## 1894 TAXES.

Jan. 26, 1901.	DR.	
To outstanding taxes of 1894		\$10 66

## 1900 TAXES.

Jan. 26, 1901.	DR.	CR.
To assessment of May 1,		
1900		\$13,277 12
By cash collected and paid		
Treasurer		\$12,093 89
Deposited with the Treasurer		
in accordance with the		
vote of the town and pro-		
vision in my bond		1,183 23
	\$13,277 12	\$13,277 12

EDWIN A. TURNER,  
*Collector.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Value of buildings	\$437,330 00
of land	247,835 00
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	\$685,165 00
of personal estate assessed	164,909 00
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Total	\$850,074 00

Number of polls	474
Paying poll tax only	129
Horses assessed	460
Cows assessed	222
Sheep assessed	59
Neat cattle other than cows	69
Swine assessed	45
Fowl assessed	9,625
Dwelling houses assessed	442
Acres of land	12,137½
Assessors' certificate to collect	\$13,277 12
State tax	\$570 00
County tax	1,276 41
Town tax	10,975 00
Overlaying	455 71
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	\$13,277 12

Rate of taxation, \$14.50 on \$1,000.

Street Railway excise tax, \$57.13.

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1900.

John Chesley, 1898 and 1899	\$4 00
Hiram Damon, “	4 00
Charles H. Kendall “	4 00
Frank W. Hilton, 1899	2 00
B. Franklin Burns, “	2 00
Henry L. Munis, “	2 60
Charles E. McPherson, “	2 60
Geo. McCarty, “	2 00
Mary R. Turner, “	7 50
James Smith, “	2 00
Wallace Chapel, “	2 75
E. E. Gunderway, “	6 51
Charles David, “	3 73
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	\$45 69

GEO. W. GRIGGS,  
ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
HENRY D. SMITH.

*Assessors of Norwell.*

# HIGHWAYS.

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## GENERAL EXPENSES.

1900.

Good Roads Machine Co., edge for machine,	\$8 50
L. F. Hammond, labor on machine,	3 23
C. W. Tilden,               "               "	8 00
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	\$19 85

Exceeded the amount reserved, \$7.83.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

Timothy Sheehan, 16 days at \$2.00,	\$32 00
Timothy Sheehan, drain pipe,	7 50
Timothy Sheehan, cash paid B. W. Prouty, 2½ hours,	50
Jerry Sheehan and 1 horse, 60 hours at 33⅓c,	20 00
Jerry Sheehan, 27 hours at 20c,	5 40
Luke Huff, 54 hours at 20c,	10 80
Wm. Farrar and 2 horses, 45 hours at 50c,	22 50
Daniel Barnes and 2 horses, 34 hours at 50c,	17 00
Daniel Barnes, 27 hours at 20c,	5 40
Edward Loring and 1 horse, 18 hours at 33⅓c,	6 00
Edward Loring, 41½ hours at 20c,	8 30
C. E. Brewster and 1 horse, 16½ hours at 33⅓c,	5 50
C. E. Brewster and 2 horses, 9 hours at 50c,	4 50
C. E. Brewster and 2 horses, 17 hours at 33⅓c,	5 67
C. E. Brewster, 5 hours at 20c,	1 00

Wm. M. Collamore and 2 horses, 9 hours at 50c,	\$4 50
W. G. Collamore, 10 hours at 20c,	2 00
John R. Collamore and 2 horses, 26 hours at 50c,	13 00
Samuel Loring, 110 hours at 20c,	22 00
Samuel Loring, gravel,	2 55
Charles Sculley, 59 hours at 20c,	11 80
Geo. H. Bates, 88 hours at 20c,	17 60
Alpheus Thomas, 7 hours at 20c,	1 40
Charles Pratt, 18 hours at 20c,	3 60
Albert T. Farrar, 18 hours at 20c,	3 60
Hiram Damon, 18 hours at 20c,	3 60
Edwin C. Briggs, 17 hours at 20c,	3 40
C. B. Collins, gravel,	5 00
Samuel H. Litchfield, gravel	6 00
John A. Prouty, gravel,	50
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	\$252 62

Share of appropriation,	\$255 68
Total expended,	252 62
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Less appropriation	\$3 06

TIMOTHY SHEEHAN,  
*Surveyor.*

## DISTRICT No. 2.

Edward A. Jacobs, 14 days at \$2.00,	\$28 00
Edward A. Jacobs, 1 man and 2 horses, 107½ hours at 50c,	53 75
Edward A. Jacobs, 1 man and 1 horse 9 hours at 33½c,	3 00
Edward A. Jacobs, 2 horses 2 days at \$3.00,	6 00
Edward A. Jacobs, 1 man 9 hours at 20c,	1 80
Andrew Clapp, 93 hours at 20c,	18 60

Andrew Clapp and 1 horse, 27 hours at $33\frac{1}{3}$ c,	\$9 00
O. D. Burhoff, 95 hours at 20c,	19 00
Henry Studley, 55 hours at 20c,	11 00
Patrick Gammon, 46 hours at 20c,	9 20
Alonzo Stoddard, $63\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	12 70
Wallie Damon, $49\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	9 90
Carleton Pincin, 49 hours at 20c,	9 80
John Prince, 67 hours at 20c,	13 40
Frank Jones, 18 hours at 20c,	3 60
George Rix, 1 man and 2 horses $116\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 50c,	58 25
Benjamin Loring, 1 man and 2 horses 50 hours at 50c,	25 00
Davis Turner and 2 horses, 32 hours at 50c,	16 00
Arthur Briggs, $17\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	3 50
Edgar Lee, 9 hours at 20c	1 80
William Lapham and 1 horse, 9 hours at $33\frac{1}{3}$ c,	3 00
Joshua Freeman and 2 horses, $26\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 50c,	13 25
Charles Kendall, $12\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	2 50
Simeon Damon, $26\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	5 30
Frank Damon, $26\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	5 30
Tools,	7 20
B. Jacobs' estate, gravel,	11 70
Benjamin Loring, gravel,	1 80
Mrs. Geo. E. Bates, gravel,	10 50
Albion Damon, 24 hours at 20c,	4 80
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	\$378 65

Share of appropriation,	\$403 19
Total expended,	378 65
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Less appropriation,	\$24 54

EDWARD A. JACOBS,  
*Surveyor.*

## DISTRICT No. 3.

Walter Simmons, 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ days at \$2.00,	\$43 50
Walter Simmons, 1 horse 99 hours at 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ c,	16 50
Walter Simmons and 2 horses, 8 hours at 50c,	4 00
Clifford Brett and 2 horses, 81 hours at 50c,	40 50
Clifford Brett, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	3 10
Daniel F. Bates and 2 horses, 113 hours at 50c,	56 50
Carlton Litchfield and 2 horses, 51 hours at 50c,	25 50
Levi Osborn and 1 horse, 45 hours at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ c,	15 00
Levi Osborn, 1 horse 48 hours at 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ c,	8 00
Levi Osborn, 101 hours at 20c,	20 20
Geo. Vinal, 93 hours at 20c,	18 60
Nelson Osborn, 59 hours at 20c,	11 80
Alvin Vinal, 181 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	36 30
Joseph Totman, 159 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	31 90
Leonard Winslow, 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	15 50
Bert Richardson, 25 hours at 20c,	5 00
Harry Richardson, 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	14 70
Harry Gardner, 75 hours at 20c,	15 00
Daniel Sprague, 8 hours at 20c,	1 60
Earl Richardson, 10 hours at 15c,	1 50
Earl Richardson, 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	8 70
Eddie Winslow, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	5 60
Andrew Stockbridge, work on bridge,	2 00
E. Williamson, gravel,	10 12
Mrs. Veasie, gravel,	7 02
J. H. Hacket, gravel	3 36

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 \$421 60

Share of appropriation, \$437 61

Total expended, 421 60

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 Less appropriation, \$16 01

WALTER SIMMONS,

*Surveyor.*



## DISTRICT No. 4.

Joseph H. Hatch, 17½ days at \$2.00,	\$35 00
Joseph H. Hatch, 2 horses 58 hours at 33½c,	19 33
Joseph H. Hatch, 1 horse 42 hours at 16½c,	7 00
Joseph W. Hatch. 59½ hours at 20c,	11 90
Joseph W. Hatch and 2 horses, 105 hours at 50c,	52 50
Geo. H. Turner and 2 horses, 50 hours at 50c,	25 00
D. Oscar Wagner and 2 horses, 36 hours at 50c,	18 00
D. Oscar Wagner, 9 hours at 20c,	1 80
James L. Litchfield and 2 horses, 23 hours at 50c,	11 50
John T. Moody and 2 horses, 41 hours at 50c,	20 50
John T. Moody, 56½ hours at 20c,	11 30
Fred W. Gardner and 2 horses, 41 hours at 50c,	20 50
Fred W. Gardner, 9 hours at 20c,	1 80
Charles H. Kilbourn and 2 horses, 36 hours at 50c,	18 00
Louis Kilbourn, 27 hours at 20c,	5 40
John Whalen and 2 horses, 59½ hours at 50c,	29 75
John Whalen, man 61½ hours at 20c,	12 30
John Whalen and 2 horses, 9 hours at 50c,	4 50
John Whalen, setting guide post,	1 50
Herbert Litchfield, 41 hours at 20c,	8 20
John Litchfield, 41 hours at 20c,	8 20
Caleb D. Litchfield, 97½ hours at 20c,	19 50
Charles Bates, 32 hours at 20c,	6 40
Percy Litchfield, 23 hours at 20c,	4 60
Laban Bates, 112 hours at 20c,	22 40
Wm. L. Briggs, 23 hours at 20c,	4 60
Henry Munnis, 84 hours at 20c,	16 80
John S. Gardner, 20½ hours at 20c,	4 10
Archie Merritt, 9 hours at 20c,	1 80
John E. Leslie, 18 hours at 20c,	3 60
Charles Bates, Jr., 18 hours at 20c,	3 60
John T. Moody, 106 loads of gravel at 6c,	6 36
W. S. Blanchard, 14 loads of gravel at 6c,	84

E. I. Williamson, 288 loads gravel at 6c,	\$17 28
Geo. F. Welch, drain pipe,	4 50
Thomas J. Studley, sharpening tools,	1 00
Philip Litchfield, 25 hours at 20c,	5 00

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\$446 36

Share of appropriation,	\$290 10
Special appopriation Mt. Blue street,	150 00

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\$440 10

Total expended,	446 36
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Exceeded appropriation,	\$6 26
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J. H. HATCH,  
*Surveyor.*

### DISTRICT No. 5.

L. F. Hammond, 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ days at \$2.00,	\$29 50
L. F. Hammond, man and 2 horses 171 hours at 50c,	85 50
L. F. Hammond, man and 1 horse 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$3.00,	19 50
Wm. O. Merritt, two horses 36 hours at 50c,	18 00
Guy Merritt, 45 hours at 20c,	9 00
George E. Torrey and two horses, 9 hours at 50c,	4 50
Lorenzo Cromwell and two horses, 17 hours at 50c,	8 50
Lorenzo Cromwell, 18 hours at 20c,	3 60
David Griffith, 31 hours at 20c,	6 20
George H. Lee, 58 hours at 20c,	11 60
Edgar E. Lee, 40 hours at 20c,	8 00
Arthur L. Briggs, 108 hours at 20c,	25 20
Edwin Freeman, 54 hours at 20c,	10 80
Alexander Black, 117 hours at 20c	23 40
Carlton Pinson, 63 hours at 20c,	12 60

Wallace Chapel, 54 hours at 20c,	\$10 80
Andrew Clapp and horse, 2 days,	6 00
C. A. Berry and 2 horses, 59 hours at 50c,	29 50
—— Burhoff, 9 hours at 20c,	1 80
Edward Jordan, 54 hours at 20c,	10 80
Walter Briggs, 32 hours at 20c,	6 40
Frank Turner, railing bridge,	2 50
Horace T. Fogg, gravel,	5 16
Mrs. David Torrey, gravel,	10 20
Mrs. Emma Bates, gravel,	9 00
Charles H. Baker, stone work,	3 00
Daniel R. Ewell, raking,	2 00
George F. Welch, railing,	1 95
Phillips, Bates & Co., lumber,	13 76
C. M. Tilden, sharpening picks,	50

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\$389 27

Share of appropriation,	\$393 36
Total expended,	389 27

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Less than appropriation, \$4 09

L FRANK HAMMOND,

*Surveyor.*

### DISTRICT No. 6.

John W. Burns, 21 days,	\$42 00
John W. Burns, 4 hours at 20c,	80
John W. Burns, 1 horse 139 hours at 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ c,	23 17
John Burns, gravel,	9 66
B. F. Burns and 2 horses, 90 hours at 50c,	45 00
B. F. Burns, 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	8 10
Litchfield & Faxon, tools,	3 46
Charles W. Harris, 31 hours at 20c,	6 20
Charles W. Harris, 1 horse 31 hours at 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ c,	5 17

Charles W. Harris and 1 horse, 36 hours at $33\frac{1}{3}$ c,	\$12 00
Hosea L. Stetson, 180 hours at 20c,	36 00
Albert Merritt, 158 hours at 20c,	31 60
Albert Merritt and 1 horse, 18 hours at $33\frac{1}{3}$ c,	6 00
James Spellman, 31 hours at 20c,	6 20
Fred Smith, 9 hours at 20c,	1 80
Harry G. Pinson and 2 horses, 27 hours at 50c,	13 50
George F. Welch, tools, lumber, etc.,	3 94
Wm. Monahan, 18 hours at 20c,	3 60
Eddie Merritt, 42 hours at 20c,	8 40
John T. Hatch, 24 hours at 20c.	4 80
H. C. Ford and 2 horses, 42 hours at 50c,	21 00
H. C. Ford, man and 1 horse $20\frac{1}{2}$ hours at $33\frac{1}{3}$ c,	6 83
H. C. Ford, 13 hours at 20c,	2 60
Tilon Williams and 2 horses, $38\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 50c,	19 25
A. L. Powers and 2 horses, $40\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 50c,	20 25
Samuel L. Brown, 9 hours at 20c,	1 80
Frank Baker, 9 hours at 20c,	1 80
James Green, gravel,	12 00
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	\$356 93

Share of appropriation, \$309 77

Total expended, 356 93

Exceeded appropriation, 

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\$47 16

JOHN W. BURNS,

*Surveyor.*

### DISTRICT No. 7.

Francis E. Henderson, $16\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$2.00,	\$33 00
Francis E. Henderson, man and 2 horses, $100\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 50c,	50 25
Francis E. Henderson, man and 1 horse, 28 hours at $33\frac{1}{3}$ c,	9 34

R. C. Durnin and 2 horses, 14 hours at 50c,	\$ 7 00
Charles Simmons and 2 horses, 63 hours at 50c,	31 50
W. S. Simmons and 2 horses, 66 hours at 50c,	33 00
James B. Knapp and 1 horse, 122½ hours at 33⅓c,	40 84
James B. Knapp, 1 horse 3 hours at 16⅔c,	50
Thomas Sampson and 1 horse 41 hours at 33⅓c,	13 67
Arthur F. Henderson, 45 hours at 20c,	9 00
Robert C. Henderson, 23 hours at 20c,	4 60
John Corthell, 54 hours at 20c,	10 80
W. R. Barker, 48 hours at 20c,	9 60
Edward Couch, 45 hours at 20c,	9 00
Ralph Gardner, 97 hours at 20c,	19 40
Albion Snowdale, 120 hours at 20c,	24 00
James Studley, 114½ hours at 20c,	22 90
John Knapp, 13 hours at 20c,	2 60
Geo. W. Smith, 109 hours at 20c,	21 80
Chas. S. Smith, 47 hours at 20c,	9 40
John Dagon, 23 hours at 20c,	4 60
Fred Kidder, 23 hours at 20c,	4 60
Robert Montgomery, 56 hours at 20c,	11 20
R. C. Durnin, 152 loads gravel at 6c,	9 12
Lucy Turner, 70 loads gravel at 6c,	4 20
E. E. Stetson, 6 loads gravel at 6c,	36
Briggs Brothers, 144 loads gravel at 6c,	8 64
John Loring, drain pipe,	9 10
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	\$414 02

Share of appropriation,	\$398 27
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Total expended,	414 02
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Exceeded appropriation,	<hr/> \$15 75
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FRANCIS E. HENDERSON,

*Surveyor.*

## SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

Appropriation,	\$2,500 00	
Special appropriation,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,650 00
Expended in District No. 1,	\$252 62	
“ “ 2,	378 65	
“ “ 3,	421 60	
“ “ 4,	446 36	
“ “ 5,	389 27	
“ “ 6,	356 93	
“ “ 7,	414 02	
	<hr/>	2,659 45
General expenses,		19 85
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Total expended,		\$2,679 30

## DELANO HILL WATERING FOUNTAIN.

Francis E. Henderson 5½ days at \$2.00,	\$11 00
Freight on pipe,	50
Arthur F. Henderson, 45 hours at 20c,	9 00
Man and 2 horses, 9 hours at 50c,	4 50
W. R. Barker, 45 hours at 20c,	9 00
James Studley, 39 hours at 20c,	7 80
John Knapp, 54 hours at 20c,	10 80
George W. Smith, 50 hours at 20c,	10 00
Henry D. Smith, 15 hours at 20c,	3 00
Thomas Sampson, posts and rails,	1 00
George F. Welch, tile,	6 50
H. D. Smith, pipe,	7 00
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	\$80
Appropriation,	\$125 00
Total expended,	80 10
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Less than appropriation,	\$44 90

## SNOW ACCOUNT.

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### DISTRICT No. 1.

A. W. Thomas, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 25c,	\$0 63
Alpheus Thomas, 3 hours at 25c,	75
Geo. H. Bates, 3 hours at 25c,	75
Geo. A. Bates, 2 hours at 25c,	50
Charles Scully, 2 hours at 25c,	50
Wallace M. Shaw, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 25c,	63
Edward Loring, $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 25c,	87
Timothy Sheehan, 9 hours at 25c,	2 25
Jerry Sheehan, 3 hours at 25c,	75
Jerry Sheehan and horse, 2 hours at 50c,	1 00
W. H. Farrar and horse, $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 50c,	2 75
John A. Sawyer, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 25c,	63
Samuel Loring, 3 hours at 25c,	75
Wm. G. Collamore, 3 hours at 25c,	75
Albert Farrar, 3 hours at 25c,	75
John Brown, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 25c,	63
Hiram Damon, $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 25c,	38
Joseph Griffin, $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 25c,	38
Daniel Barnes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 25c,	38
Bernard Scully, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 15c,	38
Frank Damon, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 15c,	38
Chester Robinson, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 15c,	38
Willie Delano, 2 hours at 15c,	30



Charles Tisdale, 2 hours at 15c,	\$0 30
Stacy Benson, 1 hour at 15c,	15
Howard F. Mann, 3 hours at 20c,	60
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	\$18 52

## DISTRICT No. 2.

E. C. Briggs, 9 hours at 25c,	\$2 25
E. C. Briggs, 2 horses 6 hours at 50c.	3 00
Joe Briggs, 4 hours at 25c,	1 00
Patrick Gammon, 7 hours at 25c,	1 75
Frank Jones, 2½ hours at 25c,	63
Geo. W. Griggs, snow plough,	4 50
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	\$13 13

## DISTRICT No. 3.

Geo. A. Turner, snow plough,	\$17 00
Walter Simmons, 3 hours at 25c,	75
Walter Simmons, 4 horses 3 hours at \$1,	3 00
Clifford Brett and 2 horses, 5 hours at 75c,	3 75
Wallace Hackett, 2 men 2 hours at 50c,	1 00
Wallace Hackett, 4 horses 2½ hours at \$1,	4 50
Bert Richardson, 2 hours at 25c,	50
Earl Richardson, 2 hours at 25c,	50
George Vinal, 5 hours at 25c,	1 25
G. F. Marble, 3 hours at 25c,	75
Clarence Briggs, 2 hours at 25c,	50
H. Leavitt, 7 hours at 25c,	1 75
Lyman W. Lincoln, 6 hours at 15c,	90
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	\$36 15



## DISTRICT No. 4.

J. H. Hatch and 2 horses, 9 hours at 75c,	\$6 75
J. W. Hatch, 2 hours at 25c,	50
Floyd Cox, 6 hours at 25c,	1 50
John T. Moody, 6 hours at 25c,	1 50
George Moody, 2 hours at 25c,	50
Archie Merritt, 5 hours at 25c,	1 25
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	\$12 00

## DISTRICT No. 5.

E. M. Stetson, 2 horses 7 hours at 50c,	\$3 50
George H. Lee, 7 hours at 25c,	1 75
John Prince, 7 hours at 25c,	1 75
Charles H. Kendall, 6 hours at 25c,	1 50
Wallace Damon, 6 hours at 25c,	1 50
Alexander Black, 6 hours at 25c,	1 50
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	\$11 50

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Samuel L. Brown, 3 hours at 25c,	\$0 75
Charles Harris, 5 hours at 25c,	1 25
John W. Burns, 4 hours at 25c,	1 00
Albert Merritt, 3 hours at 25c,	75
B. F. Burns, 12 hours at 25c,	3 00
George W. Griggs, snow plough,	4 00
E. P. Josephs' men, 9 hours at 25c,	2 25
C. W. Tilden, repairing snow plough,	2 50
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	\$15 50

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Francis Henderson, 9 hours at 25c,	\$2 25
Francis Henderson, man and 2 horses 10 hours at 75c,	7 50
Robert Henderson, 6 hours at 25c,	1 50
Wilfred Chamberlain, 2 hours at 25c,	50
Wm. S. Simmons, 2 horses 2 hours at 50c,	1 00
James Studley, 5 hours at 25c,	1 25
Richard Winslow, 4 hours at 25c,	1 00
Jesse Winslow, 4 hours at 25c,	1 00
Charles Smith, 4 hours at 25c,	1 00
John Corthell, 2½ hours at 25c,	63
Thomas Sampson, 3½ hours at 25c,	87
Arthur Montgomery, 2½ hours at 15c,	37
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	\$18 87

## SUMMARY.

District No. 1, snow expense,	\$18 52
“ 2, “	13 13
“ 3, “	36 15
“ 4, “	12 00
“ 5, “	11 50
“ 6, “	15 50
“ 7, “	18 87
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	\$125 67

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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Appropriation,

\$2,500 00

## ALMSHOUSE EXPENDITURES.

Value of articles on hand Jan. 1, 1900,	\$434 75
David W. Turner & Son, coal,	78 85
H. S. Turner & Co., supplies,	97 45
E. B. Tobey, dry goods,	12 55
F. L. Smith, services as superintendent,	300 00
E. P. Joseph, ice two years,	20 68
M. McDevitt, crackers, etc.,	11 67
W. P. Thayer, shoes, etc.,	8 80
A. Clapp & Damon, killing hogs,	3 00
John A. Loring, pump repairs, etc.,	7 96
L. F. Hammond, 3 cords oak wood,	9 99
Geo. F. Welch, merchandise as per bill,	21 46
F. M. Curtis, supplies,	78 45
Burbeck & Brett, grain, etc.,	59 70
W. W. Cutler, meat, etc.,	44 25
A. A. Page, fish, etc.,	22 35
John Monahan, dry goods,	28 80
H. C. Ford, fertilizer,	8 10
Frank Thomas, services of stock,	2 00
A. J. Litchfield & Son, grain,	83 08

A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies,	\$785 47	
C. L. Rice & Co., chairs, carpet, etc.,	19 50	
Frank W. Jones, 4 cords manure,	14 00	
Daniel Barnes, carting above,	6 00	
L. N. Osborn, plastering,	7 50	
Geo. W. Robbins, hanging paper,	1 60	
Corthell Bros., supplies,	38 55	
George H. Turner, fertilizer,	16 00	
C. W. Tilden, horse shoeing, etc.,	14 68	
E. P. Joseph, ploughing,	2 50	
J. F. Merritt, mowing,	3 00	
F. L. Smith, articles bought for cash,	21 42	
Charles Berry, fertilizer,	14 20	
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Total,		\$1,578 31

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### ALMSHOUSE RECEIPTS.

Milk and butter,	\$28 68	
Potatoes,	27 30	
Lumber,	1 20	
Calves,	13 65	
Fowl,	6 00	
Strawberries,	3 25	
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		\$80 08

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### ARTICLES ON HAND JAN. 1, 1901.

1 horse,	\$40 00
2 cows,	75 00
1 hog,	15 00
36 hens,	18 00
Manure,	10 00

6½ tons hay,	\$130 00	
¼ ton corn stalks,	2 50	
Grain,	3 00	
Lumber,	10 00	
Shingles,	75	
Laths,	50	
Potatoes,	35 25	
Carrots,	36 00	
Beets,	11 00	
Crackers,	1 35	
Flour,	2 50	
Pork,	4 75	
Groceries,	9 45	
	<hr/>	\$405 05

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## SUMMARY OF ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNTS.

Total expenditure,	\$1,578 31	
ALMSHOUSE CREDITS.		
Articles sold,	\$80 08	
Board of W. E. B. Thomas,	156 00	
Articles on hand Jan. 1,	405 05	
	<hr/>	\$641 13
Total cost of poor in Almshouse, including tramps,	32	\$937 18

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## AID TO POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

MARY AGNES GARDNER.

Paid S. M. Buttrick, 40 weeks' board at \$2,	\$80 00
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## HIRAM DAMON.

Paid A. Culver & Co., coal,	\$7 75
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## BELLA FREEMAN.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum,	\$169 46
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## OSCAR SYLVESTER.

Paid—

Harriet Thomas, board 52 weeks at \$1.25,	\$65 00	
Harriet Thomas, clothing, etc.,	17 25	
	<hr/>	\$82 25

## FAMILY OF EDWIN C. LITCHFIELD.

Paid—

W. F. Coughlin, rent and groceries,	\$258 51	
C. F. Leslie, supplies,	26 38	
Town of Whitman, aid,	27 47	
B. L. Shaw, supplies,	35 47	
S. Cummings, supplies,	32 36	
	<hr/>	\$380 19

## J. S. LITCHFIELD.

Paid—

Taunton Hospital, board from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1899,	\$42 71	
Taunton Hospital, clothing,	16 24	
Taunton Hospital, board from Jan. 1 to Jan. 30, 1900,	13 46	
Taunton Hospital, clothing,	8 50	
Walter J. Stoddard, board to Dec. 31, 1900,	50 00	
Geo. W. Griggs, expenses from Taun- ton,	3 12	
	<hr/>	\$134 03

## JOSEPH HENDERSON.

Paid Ashburnham, aid,	\$11 50
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## MANDANA FREEMAN.

Paid Whitman, aid,	\$22 00
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## HENRY W. WINSLOW.

Paid—

H. J. Little, medical attendance,	\$82 00	
H. S. Turner & Co., supplies,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$85 00

## BRIDGET SHEA.

State farm, board,	\$146 00
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## GEO. W. SMITH.

Paid—

Dr. C. L. Howes, medical attendance,	\$3 00	
F. W. Bowker, shoes, etc.,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$9 00

## SARAH A. STUDLEY.

Paid cash for aid,	\$39 00
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## NELLIE T. HUNT.

Paid S. B. Dickerman, medical attendance,	\$8 00
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## ALDEN BEACH.

Paid H. J. Little, medical attendance,	\$8 00
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## MARY ANN GARDNER.

Paid—

John S. Brooks, supplies,	\$23 26	
H. J. Little, medical attendance,	27 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 26

## JAMES F. CROCKER.

Town of Hanover,	\$36 75	
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Total expense of out-door poor,		\$1,269 19

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**AID TO OUT-DOOR POOR HAVING SETTLEMENT  
IN OTHER TOWNS AND STATE.**

## MRS. JAMES F. RANDALL, Duxbury.

Paid—

H. S. Turner & Co., supplies,	\$13 00	
H. J. Little, medical attendance,	17 00	
H. F. Ford, rent,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 00

## FAMILY OF H. L. BATES, Cohasset.

Paid—

H. S. Turner & Co., supplies,	\$105 58	
George F. Welch, coal,	7 00	
H. J. Little, medical attendance,	13 00	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, shoes,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$128 58

## LABAN BATES, Hull.

H. J. Little, medical attendance,	\$3 50
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## W. B. ROSE, Fairhaven.

Paid—

Linscott & Bryant, supplies,	\$18 98	
C. A. Dorr, medical attendance,	23 50	
	<hr/>	\$42 48

## JOSIAH W. CHAMBERLAIN, Holbrook.

M. Little, supplies,	\$104 00
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## BERT RANDALL, Duxbury.

Paid—

H. S. Turner & Co., supplies,	\$115 00	
H. J. Little, attendance,	38 30	
F. L. Smith, bed pan,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$154 80

## CHESTER TAYLOR, Scituate.

Paid—

H. S. Turner & Co., supplies,	\$19 00	
H. S. Turner & Co., clothing,	4 95	
	<hr/>	\$23 95

## STATE CHARGE.

## FRANK JORDAN, State.

H. J. Little, attendance,	\$4 00
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**SUMMARY.**

Total amount paid for out-door poor, \$1,765 50	
Total cost of poor at Almshouse,	937 18
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	\$2,702 68
Less amount refunded by towns,	\$492 31
Less amount refunded by State,	4 00
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	\$496 31
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	\$2,206 37

GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
 ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
 HENRY D. SMITH,  
*Overseers of the Poor.*

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

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Benjamin K. Barrett, Whitman,	\$78 00
Lyman B. Fitts, Marshfield,	102 50
Samuel Keene,	16 50
Joanna Keene,	50 00
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	\$247 00

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## SOLDIER'S BURIAL—STATE.

C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial of Samuel Keene,	\$35 00
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## MILITARY AID PAID IN 1900.

William T. Slason,	\$16 00
Samuel Keene,	166 70
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	\$182 70

One-half to be refunded by State.

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## STATE AID PAID IN 1900.

Charles D. Barnard,	\$48 00
David Bassford,	48 00
Amanda Bassford,	48 00
Benjamin K. Barrett,	72 00

Amanda Coleman,	\$48 00
Timothy B. Chapman,	36 00
John Corthell,	48 00
Josephine Corthell,	48 00
Josiah W. Chamberlin,	72 00
Abbie F. Coleman,	12 00
Maria B. Damon,	48 00
Hannah Dover,	24 00
Charles David,	72 00
Ensign B. Damon,	48 00
Lucy Damon,	36 00
Daniel R. Ewell,	72 00
Charles H. Farrar,	28 00
Seth O. Fitts,	60 00
Lyman B. Fitts,	72 00
John T. Hatch,	60 00
Sarah Hatch,	48 00
Thomas R. Lawrence,	6 00
Bradford Little,	40 00
Charles M. Leavitt,	48 00
Reuben S. Gurney,	12 00
William H. Morse,	48 00
William O. Merritt,	48 00
John McKee,	36 00
Eliza J. McKee,	24 00
Martin S. Poppy,	9 00
Harriet Raymond,	48 00
David P. Robinson,	36 00
Mary Shepherd,	36 00
Edwin Studley,	48 00
Charles H. Totman,	48 00
George O. Torrey,	72 00
James W. Warner,	36 00
James H. Williams,	70 00
Albert Winslow,	48 00

Esther M. Young,	\$36 00
Samuel Keene,	8 00
Susan H. Higbee,	20 00

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\$1,825 00

Total due from the State.

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### TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid—

George W. Griggs, services as select- man, assessor and overseer of the poor.	\$155 00
Alpheus Thomas, services as above,	125 00
Henry D. Smith, services as above,	125 00
Israel Hatch, school committee,	47 00
Benjamin Loring, school committee salary and expenses,	59 50
Mary L. F. Power, school commit- tee, salary and expenses,	75 00
Horace T. Fogg, treasurer,	100 00
Edwin A. Turner, tax collector,	350 00
J. C. Otis, town clerk,	33 90
J. C. Otis, register of voters,	20 00
John H. Prouty, register of voters,	20 00
Ezra E. Stetson, register of voters,	15 00
E. M. Sexton,	15 00
George Cushing, auditor,	12 00
Charles Simmons, fire warden,	5 00
J. W. Foster, inspector of animals, two years,	64 02
J. W. Foster, constable, two years,	25 50
J. W. Foster, truant officer,	8 00
Wm. E. Wilder, constable,	2 00

Walter T. Osborn, constable, two years,	\$29 00	
Walter T. Osborn, truant officer,	8 00	
John Corthell, constable,	6 00	
John Corthell, truant officer,	3 00	
John Corthell, tree warden,	15 00	
A. W. Pinson, inspector of provisions,	12 24	
H. A. Turner, board of health,	2 00	
H. J. Little, M. D., board of health,	3 00	
Joha Whalen, election officer,	2 50	
John Sheehan, election officer,	2 50	
J. H. Lehan, election officer, two years,	5 00	
J. F. Merritt, election officer, two years,	5 00	
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		\$1,350 16
One-half the expense inspecting animals refunded by the State,		32 01
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		\$1,318 15

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### TOWN HALL.

Paid—

Horace T. Fogg, insurance,	\$22 50
L. F. Hammond, wood,	3 33
L. F. Hammond, grading,	19 40
George F. Welch, lumber for railing,	4 90
C. W. Tilden, iron work,	75
Fred J. Crening, building railing,	5 00
Fred J. Crening, janitor,	25 00
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies,	45

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\$81 33

## UNION BRIDGE.

There has been paid by the town of Norwell on account of construction of Union Bridge as follows :

Telephone,	\$0 57	
J. W. Burns, hauling plank,	5 75	
C. H. Baker, changing stone work,	3 75	
A. Thomas, supervising,	16 30	
H. L. House, engineering,	29 80	
Entry fee,	1 50	
Asa P. French, advice,	7 50	
A. T. Stearns Lumber Co., plank,	84 99	
Freight on plank,	5 09	
R. D. Shanahan, balance on contract,	250 00	
Collins & Norton, on account,	1,000 00	
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		\$1,405 25
Less cash received for material sold,		32 13
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		\$1,372 12

The above is charged wholly to the town of Norwell, the town of Marshfield has paid the same.

Paid on account of repairs to Old Bridge :

E. P. Joseph, use of timber and hauling,	\$14 50
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Paid on account of building road at bridge :

John W. Burns, grading,	\$112 00
John W. Burns, extra work in full,	35 15
John W. Burns, building driveway	
for F. Thomas,	9 40
Frank Thomas, lighting road,	21 50
John T. Moody, lumber and labor,	2 50

Albert Merritt, changing railing and raking stone,	\$10 33
H. L. House, engineering,	26 50
Brown & Lehan, painting railing,	7 91
A. J. Litchfield & Son, oil for lighting,	1 65

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\$226 94

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### TOWN INCIDENTALS.

E. A. Turner, stamps, etc.,	\$15 79
F. F. Douglas & Co., printing,	1 50
M. R. Warren & Co., printing and paper,	3 00
G. W. Griggs, blanks,	1 05
Henry Shaw, law book,	212 00
J. L. Hammett Co., order book for School Committee,	10 50
J. S. Smith, printing town reports,	86 75
J. S. Smith, tax bills and tally sheets,	8 00
H. M. Dolbear, assessors' posters,	1 00
J. C. Otis, cash paid for printing,	7 50
J. C. Otis, postage, etc.,	2 00
Seth Foster, expenses and cash paid,	21 50
Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery,	42
Thomas Groom & Co., order books, etc.,	14 50
Robert Montgomery, burying dog,	4 00
Philip Litchfield, watching fire,	2 00
Caleb D. Litchfield, watching fire,	2 00
Herbert Litchfield, watching fire,	2 00
Percy Litchfield, watching fire,	2 00
Oscar Wagner, watching fire,	2 00
Cassius C. Merritt, watching fire,	2 00



Harry Henderson, watching fire,	\$2 00
E. E. Corthell, watching fire,	2 00
R. Montgomery, watching fire,	2 00
J. C. Coakley, watching fire,	6 40
W. R. Barker, watching fire,	2 40
Fred Hallet & Co., dog license blanks,	1 60
A. T. Bliss & Co., voting lists,	28 82
Geo. L. Newcomb, M. D., returning births,	50
F. M. Curtis, stamps, etc.,	2 80
James Green, care of pump District 6,	2 00
Frank W. Jones, 11 cords manure,	38 50
Daniel Barnes, carting manure,	16 50
Helen L. Fogg, rent of safe,	8 00
John A. Loring, repairing pump District 6,	2 25
Carter Ink Co., ink,	50
Charles E. Abbott, repairs on pump District 1,	75
H. J. Little, returning births,	2 25
Joseph Frame, returning births,	75
A. J. Litchfield & Son, stamps and stationery,	10 44
Alpheus Thomas, postage,	2 98
Cabinet and freight (for Indian relics),	32 00

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\$357 07

### TOWN CEMETERY.

Paid—

H. L. House, work and supplies,	\$25 19
Samuel Loring, 47 hours at 20c,	9 40
J. W. Sawyer, 9 hours at 20c,	1 80

J. A. Sawyer, 9 hours at 20c,	\$1 80
J. W. Brown. 9 hours at 20c,	1 80
Hiram Damon, 14 hours at 20c,	2 80
C. H. Lapham, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c,	50
C. H. Lapham and team, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at $33\frac{1}{3}$ c,	83

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\$44 12

Received for lots, \$50.00.

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### SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid J. W. Foster, cash expended,	\$5 00
Appropriation, \$300.00.	

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### NATHAN CUSHING ROAD.

Paid—

Nathan Cushing,	\$600 00
Received from Nathan Cushing,	344 56

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\$255 44

### RECAPITULATION.

Taxes abated,	\$45 69
Highway expenditures,	2,679 30
Snow expenditures,	125 67
Town officers,	1,350 16
Town hall,	81 33
Incidentals,	357 07
Almshouse expenses,	1,578 31
Aid to out-door poor,	1,765 50
Soldiers' relief,	247 00
State aid,	1,825 00

Military aid,	\$182 70	
Union Bridge repairs,	14 50	
New Union Bridge construction,	1,405 25	
Soldiers' burial,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,692 48

Amount refunded by State and towns for out-door poor,	\$496 31	
Alms-house credits,	641 13	
State and military aid,	1,916 35	
Soldiers' relief,	180 50	
Soldiers' burial,	35 00	
Union Bridge repairs, due from Marshfield,	7 25	
Cattle inspection, due from State,	32 01	
	<hr/>	\$3,308 55

Net expense of running town affairs excepting schools,	\$8,383 93
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NORWELL, Jan. 28, 1901.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector and find them cast correctly and proper vouchers for all payments made.

GEO. CUSHING,  
*Auditor.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## LIABILITIES.

Notes in favor of South Scituate Savings Bank,	\$10,500 00
Notes in favor of Coffin Poor Fund,	2,000 00
Notes in favor of A. T. Otis Poor Fund,	1,300 00

## ASSETS.

## Due from—

State for state aid,	\$1,825 00
State for aid to poor,	4 00
State for soldiers' burial,	70 00
Marshfield for soldiers' relief,	102 50
Cohasset for aid to poor,	40 58
Duxbury for aid to poor,	72 50
Scituate for aid to poor,	23 95
Holbrook for aid to poor,	104 00
Hull for aid to poor,	3 50
Scituate for lumber,	13 92
State for inspection of cattle,	33 01
Granderson mortgage,	150 00
John F. Osborn, board of wife,	254 70
Corporation and bank taxes, estimated,	175 00
Outstanding tax of 1894,	10 66
Cash in hand of treasurer,	1,433 29

## LIST OF JURORS.

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A list of persons qualified to serve as jurors to be presented to the town for acceptance or revision :

Clifton S. Dean,	Teacher.
James L. Litchfield,	Farmer.
Walter T. Osborn	
Orlando H. Lake,	Farmer.
William S. Simmons,	Miller.
Edwin C. Briggs,	Farmer.
Charles D. Barnard,	Harnessmaker.
Joseph C. Otis,	Clerk.
Wallace M. Shaw,	Farmer.
John Corthell,	Butcher.
Henry J. Tolman,	Carpenter.
Joseph H. Hatch,	Farmer.
Henry F. Ford,	Trader.
Asa W. Robinson,	Shoemaker.
George W. Curtis,	Trader.
James E. Stodard,	Shoemaker.
Arthur F. Stoddard,	Cutter.
James H. Studley,	Shoemaker.
Jesse Reed,	Farmer.
James H. Pinkham,	Storekeeper.
Edward E. Jacobs,	Farmer.
George S. Corthell,	Butcher.
George B. Ellms,	Farmer.
Andrew S. Richardson,	Farmer.
David Bassford,	Carpenter.
Edwin M. Sexton,	Farmer.
Nathan S. Turner,	Farmer.
Charles H. Wilder,	Butcher.

# TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN FUND.

Amount of fund,		\$2,000 00
(Loaned to town at 4 per cent.)		
On hand Jan. 1, 1900,	\$122 30	
Interest on bank book,	3 14	
Interest on town note,	80 00	
	<hr/>	\$205 44
Paid—		
Care of cemetery lot,	\$5 00	
Worthy poor,	73 50	
On hand Jan. 1, 1901,	126 94	
	<hr/>	\$205 44

## FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

### A. T. OTIS CEMETERY AND TOMB FUND.

Amount of fund deposited in South		
Scituate Savings Bank,		\$1,500 00
Interest on Jan. 1st, 1900,	\$183 42	
Interest to July, 1900,	67 98	
	<hr/>	\$1,751 40
Paid for care of lots,	\$30 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1st, 1901,	221 40	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1st, 1901,	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,751 40

## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

## SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH CEMETERY FUND.

Fund on deposit Jan. 1st, 1900,	\$200 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1st, 1900,	2 90	
Interest to July, 1900,	8 16	
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Paid for care of lot,	\$4 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1st, 1901,	7 06	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1st, 1901,	200 00	
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## SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

## PRUDENCE C. DELANO TOMB FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$300 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1st, 1900,	32 23	
Interest to July, 1900,	13 40	
	<hr/>	\$345 63
Paid for care of lot,	\$5 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1st, 1901,	40 63	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1st, 1901,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$345 63

## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TRUSTEES OF THE JOSSLYN CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$200 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1st, 1900,	33 02	
Interest to July, 1900,	9 40	
	<hr/>	\$242 42
Paid for care of lot,	\$8 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1st, 1901,	34 42	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1901,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$242 42

## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

## NANCY HERSEY CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1st, 1900,	7 32	
Interest to July, 1900,	4 32	
	<hr/>	\$111 64
Paid for care of lot,	\$3 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1st, 1901,	8 64	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1st, 1901,	100 90	
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## FIRST REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

## BETSEY B. TOLMAN CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$100 00
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Received and deposited in South Scituate Savings Bank June 4th, 1900.	
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No interest and no payment.	
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## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS POOR FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$2,000 00
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Loaned to town at 4 per cent.,	\$1,300 00
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Due on house in Alabama,	300 00
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On deposit in South Scituate Sav- ings Bank,	400 00
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	<u>\$2,000 00</u>
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On hand Jan. 1st, 1900,	\$110 73
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Interest on bank books,	36 00
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Interest on Alabama House,	20 81
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Interest on town note,	52 00
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	<u>\$219 54</u>
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Paid—	
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Inmates of almshouse,	\$17 00
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Worthy poor,	62 50
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On hand Jan. 1st, 1901,	140 04
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	<u>\$219 54</u>
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It will be seen by comparing this report with that of last year that we have carried surplus on account of Alabama house to the income account, which makes an increase in the income account of \$32.56.

GEO. W. GRIGGS,  
ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
HENRY D. SMITH,

*Trustees.*

## CITIZENS' CAUCUS.

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The citizens of the town of Norwell are requested to meet at the Town Hall, Norwell, on Saturday evening, Feb. 23, 1901, at half-past seven o'clock, to nominate town officers for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may properly come before them.

PER ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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### MARRIAGES IN NORWELL FOR THE YEAR 1900.

- March 10. In North Scituate, Anthony Joseph Smith of Cohasset and Belle Fremont Wilder of Norwell, by Rev. Albert D. Spaulding.
- April 7. In Norwell, Joseph W. Hatch and Hortense Bunker, both of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.
- April 14. In Hanover, Henry W. Bates of Norwell and Nellie W. Hammond of Hanover, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- April 19. In Norwell, George H. Pinkham and Lillian A. Dennis, both of Norwell, by Rev. John Wild.
- June 2. In Hanover, Moses Hebbert of Norwell and Laura Duclough of Stanfall, Canada, by Rev. Edwin G. Copeland.
- June 6. In Norwell, Erville E. Lewis and Flora E. Turner, both of Hanover, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- June 6. In Norwell, Willard A. Little of Boston and Martha W. Torrey of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.
- June 21. In Hanover, Robert W. MacDonald and Nellie F. Stockbridge both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.

- July 8. In Norwell, Everett Jacobs and Bertha Damon, both of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas H. Goodwin.
- July 15. In South Hanson, James E. Otis, Jr., of Scituate, and Lucy Litchfield of Norwell, by Rev. Daniel M. Cleveland.
- Aug. 4. In Beechwood, Lewis G. Bates of Norwell and Jennie Turner of Roxbury, by Rev. Frank Park.
- Sept. 26. In Hanover, Harry M. MacDonald and Mabel P. Dyer, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Oct. 24. In Weymouth, Mason L. Loring of Norwell and Mabel Dexheimer of Weymouth, by Rev. Henry S. Snyder.
- Dec. 5. In Hanover, George H. Wilder and Alice F. Vining, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Dec. 25. In Norwell, George M. Jenkins of Scituate and Florence M. Ainslee of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas H. Goodwin.

The following marriage occurred in 1899, but did not appear in the report on account of a mistake in the return :

- Sept. 16, 1899. In Rockland, William O. Prouty and Edna F. Gardner, both of Norwell, by Rev. Fred Hovey Allen.

## BIRTHS IN NORWELL FOR THE YEAR 1900.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
February	23. Rose . . . . .	W. B.
March	9. Ruth Jacobs Loring . .	Alfred H. and Jennie.
	28. Lawrence William Prouty.	William O. and Edna F.
April	29. Lester Marshall Griffin .	Brenton H. and Addie C.
May	25. Gladys Viola Costello . .	James and Rebecca.
June	1. Grace Lavinia Damon . .	Wallace H. and Fannie.
	10. Arthur Leo Monahan . .	John and Mattie.
	18. Mary Caroline Turner . .	William D. and Edith.
July	11. Melissa Joseph . . . .	Emanuel P. and Nettie.
August	19. Alma Elizabeth Litchfield.	Andrew J. Jr., and Bessie.
	22. John Lester Smith . . .	Anthony J. and Belle F.
September	26. Floyd Henry Osborne . .	John and Emily.
	30. Albert Hugo Dettwiler . .	Albert and Louisa.
October	8. Ethel May Soule . . . .	Whitman C. and Hattie B.
	21. ——— Cromwell . . . .	—— Mabel Cromwell.
	29. Elizabeth Theresa Jacobs.	Edwin E. and Mabel F.
November	21. Evelyn Eliza Ford . . .	Atwood L. and Florence.
December	28. Verna L. Ainslie . . . .	Elery F. and Mary.
1899.		
April	13. Clement Rogers Thomas .	Charles W. and Flora G.

The return of the above birth was omitted until after the 1899 report was published.

# DEATHS IN NORWELL FOR THE YEAR 1900.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y. M. D.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
January 16.	Thomas R. Lawrence.	73 3 —	Bright's Disease.	Scituate.
22.	Mary Ann Stoddard.	82 8 —	Old Age.	Connecticut.
March 4.	Annie S. Prouty.	45 10 —	La Grippe.	Louisiana.
10.	Howard R. King.	— 2 22	Broncho-Pneumonia.	Norwell.
22.	Lavinia E. White.	59 — —	Bronchitis.	Stoneham.
25.	William J. Kender.	79 6 —	Old Age and La Grippe.	Scituate.
28.	Betsy B. Tolman.	91 — —	Old Age and La Grippe.	Not given.
April 7.	Catherine M. Briggs.	65 7 2	General Debility.	South Scituate.
12.	Rufus B. Farrar.	70 8 —	Apoplexy.	Scituate.
14.	Josephus J. Sutphen.	69 2 —	Bright's Disease.	Michigan.
May 29.	Lucy B. Buttrick.	77 — —	Chronic Bronchitis.	Scituate.
June 5.	J. Francis H. Jordan.	9 — —	Phthisis.	Nova Scotia.
7.	John McKee.	70 — —	Rheumatism and Cordias.	Ireland.
August 5.	Walter Dillon.	— 8 —	Cholera Infantum.	South Boston.
6.	Melissa Joseph.	— 1 —	Asthemia.	Norwell.
September 20.	Stacy I. Collamore.	1 — —	Inanition.	Norwell.
October 3.	Fannie J. Keene.	51 8 19	Maemia.	Randolph.
15.	Mary L. Stockbridge.	69 7 —	Atony of Stomach.	Scituate.
23.	Samuel Keene.	66 — —	Cancer; Hemorrhage from Stomach.	Maine.
November 19.	William L. Henderson.	77 6 —	Cystitis.	Hanover.
December 2.	Frederick H. Curtis.	62 8 —	Pneumonia.	Hanover.
3.	Esther Jacobs.	66 7 —	Paralysis.	South Scituate.
10.	David W. Turner.	67 9 —	Nephritis.	Scituate.
19.	Belinda Reed.	75 10 —	Intestinal Cancer.	Weymouth.

In accordance with Chapter 444, Section 17 of the Acts of 1897, the Town Clerk hereby gives public notice that he is prepared to furnish to parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor, blanks for the return of births as required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH C. OTIS, Town Clerk.





ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NORWELL,

FOR THE YEAR 1900.

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# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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*To the Citizens of Norwell :*

In presenting to you the report of the School Committee for the year of 1900, we beg your indulgence if we recapitulate somewhat the work of last year.

It had been manifest for some years to the committee and superintendent, as the reports of previous years will show, that the school system of this town previous to 1899, was out of date, and that it was next to impossible to expect better work under the existing conditions; and while we were expending quite a sum upon our schools as they were, that it was possible by the addition of a comparatively small amount per year, for us to obtain far better results than we were getting at that time.

The first change for the better came with the consolidation of schools made last year, and the opening of two more grammar schools.

At your last meeting you very generously gave us the additional amount asked for, and we hope to convince you, if we have not already done so, that the money has been well expended.

## SUPERVISION.

One of the first changes of the past year was made last April, when it was decided after several meetings of the joint committee of the towns of Hanson, Hanover and Nor-

well, that a change in superintendent be made. It was felt that for the best interest of our schools, that some such action must be taken, that we were not getting as efficient supervision as we had a right to expect, and this of itself was one of the reasons why our schools were not doing the work the committee felt that teachers and pupils were capable of doing.

On April 21st, 1900, after interviewing eleven candidates for the vacant position, the choice of Mr. C. A. Record of our own high school was made.

This has proved a wise one in every way. Mr. Record entered upon his work with a thorough knowledge of our deficiencies, and in the interim has done a great deal to improve the work of the schools.

If we are fortunate enough to keep him for a time we feel that he will make the work of our schools compare favorably with that of other towns of this size.

## TEACHERS.

The position of principal of our high school, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Record, has been filled by Mr. Allison G. Catheron, a graduate of Bates College, to the perfect satisfaction of superintendent and committee. We are more than fortunate to secure a gentleman of Mr. Catheron's ability for the comparatively small sum that we have been paying him.

No changes have been necessary in our old corps of teachers. Since the beginning of the school year in September they have endeavored to carry out the ideas of the superintendent faithfully and conscientiously.

For new teachers we have Miss Richardson in the Ridge Hill Primary and Miss Scully for grammar school work at the high.

## SCHOOLS.

During the spring vacation it was learned that our already small school at District No. 2 was to be very much smaller at the opening of the next term. Eleven of its pupils were to attend the new school at Assinippi, and several others wished to return to Ridge Hill, to which school they naturally belonged. For these reasons it seemed desirable to open the proposed grammar school at Ridge Hill without waiting until September.

The committee viewed the building at that place and found the upper room that had not been in use by us in need of some repairs, and the floor to the lower room quite unsafe. While these repairs had not been expected, it was necessary that they should be done before setting new furniture.

New furniture for the primary room was a necessity, and not enough old of the proper size was available for the grammar room. Satisfactory arrangements were made with the Chandler Co., and new furniture for both rooms was purchased.

All the buildings now in use are furnished with single desks, with the exception of No. 4, so that more expense for new furniture is unlikely to occur for a good many years.

The school at Grove street had long been a source of anxiety to the committee. It was too small for satisfactory work to be done, and it was thought to be the best plan to transfer these few scholars to the nearest school in which they could be accommodated. The rooms at the Centre were large enough for the use of all at the time, and the change was made. Within a few weeks the number of pupils belonging to District No. 5 increased so largely that the Primary School became too large for one teacher to do satisfactory work, so an assistant was secured for the re-

mainder of the term. Miss Mary Schenck was given the position at \$3.50 per week.

This arrangement was not satisfactory for a permanent one, and many plans were proposed to relieve the congested school. The first plan proposed was to open a primary school in either No. 3 or No. 6, but as neither school would contain ten scholars, that plan was dropped. The other feasible plans were, 1st, to move the building at No. 6 to the Centre, and open a third room there; 2d, to build an additional room on the Centre building, and 3d, to take the 7th and 8th grades, the scholars of which corresponded more nearly in size to the high school scholars, and transfer them to the high school building, where room could be made for them.

Either of the first two plans would involve the town in expense that we were anxious to avoid, and the third plan was adopted as the best that could be done for the time being, and Miss Martha C. Scully, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School was secured as teacher for these grades, and to assist somewhat in the high school work.

This plan has worked fairly well, and if the building was at all suitable for the purpose, better work could be done.

A building large enough to accommodate our high and all three grammar schools would be the best solution of this problem, where we have transportation.

The increased cost of transportation would be more than offset by the difference in the pay of teachers, as the grammar work could be done by two, where we now have three.

Another plan that could be carried out with little expense would be to utilize the now unused building at District No. 2, and put both schools there. As the whole of the building is now available, it is amply large for the purpose. This suggestion has met with favor from the teachers and superintendent. The pupils left at the Centre



were then divided into primary and intermediate schools, allowing three grades in each room.

This is as many as can be taught satisfactorily in the primary school, as both first and second grades are divided into two classes each, owing to various causes. Both schools are now doing good work.

Since the beginning of the fall term our school work has greatly improved, the teachers in the larger schools now teaching three grades instead of four.

The work of the grammar room at the high school building has been satisfactory. As there are but two grades in this room, the extra time that the teachers can give the pupils is productive of good that is already discernible.

### **TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.**

Some changes have been made in books this year that are improving the work of the schools. This is particularly noticeable of the introduction of the Nichols Arithmetic.

In June it was found necessary to purchase new diplomas for our graduates. After much search we learned that it would be far cheaper in the end to own a plate from which these could be engraved each year. The expense of engraved diplomas for this year would have been \$20. A plate was purchased at a cost of \$44, by the use of which the expense of the diplomas for each succeeding year will be very slight.

### **TRANSPORTATION.**

The transportation for the year has been done by contract. The contract for transferring the pupils to Ridge Hill, and the Ridge Hill pupils to the high school, was given to William F. Lapham for two hundred and ninety-seven dollars.

Benjamin Loring was awarded the contract for transportation of the District No. 3 pupils for \$300, and the transportation of pupils in Nos. 4, 5 and 6 has been done by E. P. Joseph for \$425.

The vaccination question was a source of much conflict during the summer, but believe it is all settled according to law. Some of our people have not seemed to realize that this is a state law, as much the duty of the committee to enforce as any other school law. In the performance of their duty the committee have not exceeded their authority and have been anxious to proceed, when action was necessary, in the least objectionable manner.

As the returns to the state board are now made, all school expenses except those for repairs and incidentals are included under the head of support of schools, and it is advised that for convenience the amount usually divided into four be raised in one appropriation.

We therefore ask you for the sum of \$5,200. This is about the same as this year's appropriation, and is deemed sufficient for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN LORING,  
ISRAEL HATCH,  
MARY L. F. POWER,

*School Committee of Norwell.*



## EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

FOR THE WINTER TERM OF TEN WEEKS OF THE  
YEAR 1900.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

Della F. Nichols, teaching,	\$90 00	
Benjamin H. Delano, care of room,	5 00	
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		\$95 00

### DISTRICT No. 2.

Eva E. Eagles, teaching,	\$80 00	
C. H. Baker, care of room,	16 00	
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		\$96 00

### DISTRICT No. 3.

Sara L. Bates, teaching,	\$80 00	
Eva M. Totman, care of room,	5 00	
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		\$85 00

### DISTRICT No. 4.

Louise E. Ford, teaching,	\$90 00	
Ralph D. Merritt, care of room,	3 50	
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		\$93 50

### DISTRICT No. 5.

Marion G. Merritt, teaching,	\$90 00	
Nellie M. Sparrell, teaching,	90 00	

E. W. French, care of rooms,	\$15 00	
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## DISTRICT No. 7.

Sophia M. Buttrick, teaching,	\$90 00	
Maria W. Tolman,	90 00	
Wm. C. Tolman, Jr., building fires,	2 00	
Rosa Lee, care of rooms,	2 00	
Mary Chenevert, care of rooms,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$186 00

## HIGH SCHOOL.

C. A. Record, teaching,	\$236 80	
Mattie S. Wilder, teaching,	90 00	
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A. Gertrude Jones, teaching drawing		\$35 00
A. J. Curtis, supervision,		150 00
E. P. Joseph, transportation to March 16, 1900,		73 50
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		\$1,335 80

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**EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE  
APPROPRIATION.**

FOR THE SPRING AND FALL TERMS OF YEAR 1900.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

Della F. Nichols, teaching,	\$252 00
Sarah F. Richardson, teaching,	224 00
Benjamin H. Delano, care of rooms,	22 00

Rufus Farrar, fitting wood,	\$8 00	
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## DISTRICT No. 4.

Louise E. Ford, teaching,	\$252 00	
Ralph D. Merritt, care of rooms,	7 00	
John F. Leslie, fitting wood,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$262 50

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Marion G. Merritt, teaching,	\$252 00	
Nellie M. Sparrell, teaching,	252 00	
Mary A. Schenck, teaching,	30 10	
E. W. French, care of rooms,	42 00	
Samuel Brown, fitting wood,	5 00	
A. B. Conant, housing wood, 12c.,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$587 10

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Sophia M. Buttrick, teaching,	\$252 00	
Maria W. Tolman, teaching,	252 00	
W. C. Tolman, building fires,	3 00	
Rosa Lee, care of rooms,	1 50	
Mary Chenevert, care of rooms,	1 50	
S. C. Vinal, fitting wood,	10 90	
F. E. Henderson, moving wood,	1 25	
W. S. Simmons, wood,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$524 65

## HIGH SCHOOL.

C. A. Record, teaching,	\$94 72
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A. G. Catheron, teaching,	\$480 00	
Mattie S. Wilder, teaching,	252 00	
Martha C. Scully, teaching,	112 00	
Fred J. Croning, janitor,	125 00	
Geo. F. Welch, coal,	12 50	
F. J. Croning, fitting wood,	2 00	
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		\$1,078 22
A. Gertrude Jones, teaching drawing,	\$90 00	
A. J. Curtis, supervision,	50 00	
C. A. Record, supervision,	300 00	
L. F. Hammond, wood,	72 26	
W. S. & R. P. Briggs, wood No. 3,	4 50	
C. H. Baker, fitting wood No. 2,	3 50	
Joseph F. Totman, fitting wood No. 3,	4 50	
John Whalen, wood,	8 50	
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		\$3,491 73
D. W. Turner & Son, coal high school,	28 24	
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		\$3,519 97

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### TRANSPORTATION.

Wm. F. Lapham, to Jan. 1, 1901,	\$219 17	
Benjamin Loring, to Jan. 1, 1901,	221 16	
E. E. Stetson, to Jan. 1, 1901,	69 50	
E. P. Joseph, to June 22, 1900,	118 44	
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		\$628 17

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### AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR PRESENT YEAR.

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$16 69
Town appropriation,	3,600 00

Supervision,	\$250 00	
Refunded by state,	416 67	
State school fund (estimated),	394 43	
Dog tax (estimated),	294 47	
State Board Lunacy and Charity (estimated),	137 00	
Town of Rockland for schooling,	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,169 26
Amount expended,		3,519 97
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		\$1,649 29
Expenses to April (estimated),		1,636 80
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		\$12 49

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### SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. E. Babb & Co., supplies,	\$69 83
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies,	61 90
Ginn & Company, supplies,	73 09
American Book Co., supplies,	73 28
Joseph Gillott & Sons, pens,	9 75
W. E. Bonney, ink,	2 00
L. E. Knott & Co., supplies,	4 82
Benjamin Loring, supplies,	7 30
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., supplies,	2 41
D. C. Heath & Co., supplies,	2 50
Thompson, Brown & Co., supplies,	12 80
C. A. Record, Library World's Best Literature,	50 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., supplies,	2 48
T. H. Castor & Co., supplies,	4 50
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	1 20

Geo. P. Brown, supplies,	\$2 00	
A. G. Catheron, supplies,	3 06	
J. S. Smith, printing,	20 00	
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		\$402 92
Samuel Ward & Co., diploma plate,		44 00
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		\$446 92

## REPAIRS AND INCIDENTALS.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

Phillips, Bates & Co., lumber for floor,	\$30 87	
Benjamin Loring, labor and supplies,	49 00	
Benjamin Loring, for C. H. Totman,		
repairs,	5 92	
Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk		
Co., furniture,	118 80	
T. H. Prouty, labor,	82 76	
John A. Loring, repairs on stoves,	5 75	
Annie F. Scully, cleaning,	12 00	
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		\$305 10

### DISTRICT No. 2.

C. H. Baker, labor,	\$5 00	
Ellsworth Curtis, labor and material,	9 85	
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		\$14 85

### DISTRICT No. 3.

W. H. Hackett, lumber for wood-		
shed floor,	\$5 63	
Ellsworth Curtis, labor and material,	6 55	
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		\$12 18

## DISTRICT No. 4.

C. C. Merritt, water,	\$3 00	
Charles S. Merritt, repairs,	6 85	
Mary A. Osborne, cleaning,	5 00	
John Whalen, labor,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 85

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Geo. W. Griggs, labor and material,	\$3 00	
Geo. W. Griggs, resetting desks,	4 00	
C. L. Rice & Co., shades,	3 61	
Samuel L. Brown, labor,	3 00	
E. P. Joseph, moving woodshed and contents from No. 3,	24 00	
Mary A. Osborne, cleaning,	10 00	
E. W. French, labor,	1 50	
A. L. Power, moving furniture, etc., from No. 3,	3 93	
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## DISTRICT No. 6.

A. L. Power, material for fence and labor,	\$6 00
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## DISTRICT No. 7.

Phillips, Bates & Co., material,	\$5 06
J. A. Loring, repairs on stove,	1 50
Chandler Adjustable Desk Co., slate boards,	69 00
C. L. Rice & Co., curtains,	15 53
E. A. Parker, water,	5 00

S. C. Vinal, labor,	\$2 00	
E. L. Winslow, cleaning,	9 00	
Chas. Simmons, labor,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$108 59

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Hedge & Hall, stove,	\$22 00	
C. H. Lapham, labor and material,	25 50	
F. J. Croning, cleaning,	7 00	
C. L. Rice & Co., chairs,	6 60	
J. A. Loring, repairs on stove,	8 65	
	<hr/>	\$69 75

C. H. Baker, cleaning stove pipes,	\$6 00
D. W. Fisher & Co., 1 doz. dusters,	6 00

## Graduation expenses :

Samuel Ward & Co., invitations,	\$17 50	
Sheet music,	3 84	
Ribbon for diplomas,	1 70	
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F. F. Douglas, vaccination notices,	1 75	
J. R. Collamore, expressing,	6 55	
Vining & Matthews, advertising,	7 50	
Benjamin Loring, telephoning school business,	1 20	
Melvin S. Nash, Norwell's share of institute ex- penses,		
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		\$644 40



## ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS.

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## GRADUATION EXERCISES.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL.—CLASS OF 1900.

Class Motto: "Row, not Drift."

## GRADUATES.

Edward Leslie Farrar,  
John Ripley Litchfield.  
Lester Wright Osborne.  
Roy Henry Richardson.  
Jared Ainslie Gardner.

Grace Mildred Thompson.  
Sarah Alice Litchfield.  
Fanny Priscilla Delano.  
Edith Maria Osborne.  
Susan Marion Ewell.

## ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Music—"Hark! 'tis the Signal,"

Carl Bohm

## SCHOOL.

Prayer.

Salutatory and Essay—"What the World Owes to the  
Anglo Saxon,"

Edward Leslie Farrar

Class History,

Grace Mildred Thompson

Essay—"The Future of the Grand Army of the Republic,"

John Ripley Litchfield

Vocal Solo—"The Holy City,"

Lester Wright Osborne

Essay—"The Power of Music,"

Sarah Alice Litchfield

"The Seniors in Rhyme,"

Roy Henry Richardson

Essay—"The Influence of Art in the Home and School,"

Fanny Priscilla Delano

Music—"The Chase,"

Geibel

Oration—"Abraham Lincoln,"

Lester Wright Osborne

Essay—"What Spare Moments May Accomplish,"

Edith Maria Osborne

Class Prophecy,

Jared Ainslie Gardner

Essay—"Row, not Drift," with Valedictory Address,

Susan Marion Ewell

Music—"Graduation Song,"

Cooper

## GRADUATING CLASS.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Benediction.

NORWELL, MASS., Jan. 23, 1901.

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find vouchers for all amounts paid.

GEO. CUSHING,  
*Auditor.*

# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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*To the School Committee of Norwell:*

I have the honor to submit to you and to the citizens of this town the annual report of the superintendent of schools.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The schools are in good working order and their condition indicates progress in the future.

In some instances the teachers have found it impossible to bring the work up to grade, but aside from these cases, the results during the past term have been satisfactory.

## THE NECESSITY OF GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The high school law enacted in 1898, demands that the high schools prepare pupils for the state normal schools, high scientific institutions and colleges as well as for purposes of general culture.

Since we profess to maintain a high school, we are compelled by law to meet certain requirements, and the town must recognize this fact in its decisions upon school matters.

A well graded system in the elementary schools is necessary, if the high school is to be maintained.

The elementary schools, as they were graded previous to the past year so inadequately prepared their pupils that only the exceptionally bright ones could meet the requirements demanded of the high school, by the state law.

### TEXT BOOKS.

The text books in language and arithmetic were changed previous to the opening of the schools in September. Although the new books have been in use but a short time good results are manifest.

Other changes in and additions to the equipment of the schools should be made as soon as the financial condition of the town will permit.

The teachers find it very difficult to introduce the best methods into some lines of their work on account of insufficient equipment.

### MODERN METHODS.

The entire conception of education has undergone a great change during the last few years.

Much that formerly was considered indispensable has been eliminated as non-essential.

Arithmetic affords a good illustration of this.

Until within a few years the entire text book was taught from cover to cover, now much that is impractical is being omitted.

The custom of introducing work in number, consisting of all the combinations from one to ten together with drill in fractional forms and denominate numbers, is also being discontinued by many towns ranking high in educational interests, in the belief that this work has been prematurely introduced.

The method of teaching geography, has received much attention of late. As formerly taught it was but a memory exercise and all that was most valuable to the pupils was lost.

Says a prominent superintendent: "The spirit of inquiry and investigation, the love for books of travel and for general information, and a habit of critical observation are among the most valuable possessions which proper teaching of geography should give to the pupils in our schools."

### IN GENERAL.

The schools are of highest importance and if they are to be conducted successfully in this town or any other they must have the unprejudiced support of every good citizen.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. RECORD.

# HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

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*To the Superintendent of Schools of Norwell:*

Beginning my work in the high school near the close of the last school year, I have had time to see but few changes.

It is gratifying to report that of the last graduating class of ten at least four are pursuing their studies further, one each at the Hyannis Normal School, Thayer Academy, University of Maine, and Tufts College. In order however to keep up to the increasingly high standard set by college requirements and demanded as well by the necessity of a liberal training for those who are not to attend college it seems to me advisable that a ninth grammar grade be established lengthening the school life of the pupil by a year. This has been done in most of the city schools and brings pupils to the high school much better prepared to do the work required of them.

Through the generosity of Mr. Joseph C. Otis the equipment of the high school has been increased by a large and valuable collection of Indian relics. Additions have also been made to our library so that we now have an excellent collection of standard English literature. Work in this department loses much of its value when made compulsory. Parents can however do much to lay the foundations of a love of the best literature by encouraging their children to take advantage of the opportunities for good reading that we can now offer them.



The present accomodations of the high school seem to me very unsatisfactory. The building is heated with such difficulty that on cold days it becomes nearly and at times quite impossible to maintain a suitable temperature.

Various inconveniences arise from the fact that the main room has to serve the purposes both of town hall and of school room. The desks and chairs can not be fastened to the floor so long as they must be ready for quick removal and are therefore left to be moved hither and thither by restless pupils to the detriment of the appearance of the room and the weary ears of its occupants. Further, some time is lost each year by the necessity of adjourning school while the regular town meeting is in session.

The acoustic properties of the room are very poor. A disagreeable echo renders conversation difficult and wearing, and combined with the size of the room makes satisfactory blackboard work almost impossible.

It is to be hoped that in the near future the school may be moved to the No. 2 school house which is empty and would furnish much more satisfactory accommodations, and now that pupils are transported, would be as easily accessible as our present location.

In concluding I wish to thank you and the members of the school committee for your constant interest and intelligent cooperation in carrying forward the work of the high school.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLISON G. CATHERON.



## TRANSCRIPT OF ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT.

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 4, 1901,

AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

ART. 3. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditor, Collector and Treasurer.

ART. 4. To choose all such Town Officers as the laws of the State and by-laws of the town require.

ART. 5. To bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?

ART. 6. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses.

ART. 7. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools.

ART. 8. What some of money will the town raise for highway repairs.

ART. 9. What compensation will the town make for removing snow, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 10. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year.

ART. 11. Will the town accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 12. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 13. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

ART. 14. To make allowance to town creditors.

ART. 15. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R. on Memorial Day.

ART. 16. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of State and military aid.

ART. 17. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 18. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to pay for the transportation of scholars to the High School.

ART. 19. Will the town give any instructions to town officers.

ART. 20. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next.

ART. 21. What sums of money will the town raise for repairs of school houses and incidentals.

ART. 22. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street.

ART. 23. Will the town require its teachers to make up for lost time. (By request.)

ART. 24. Will the town repair the fence around the school house yard in District No. 1. (By request.)

Citizens desiring additional articles in the warrant will present them to the Selectmen on or before Feb. 20, 1901.

GEO. W. GRIGGS,  
ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
HENRY D. SMITH,  
*Selectmen of Norwell.*

Norwell, Feb. 10, 1901.



